

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 19, 2008 MINUTES

On Tuesday, August 19, 2008, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:10 a.m. in the Yellowstone Conference Center at Huntley Lodge in Big Sky, Montana, with Commissioners David Schulz, Jim Hart, and Marilyn Ross present.

Marilyn Ross moved to approve the August 12, 2008, minutes as corrected. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people on the attached list were present for the meeting.

After introductions, Chairman David Schulz reviewed several topics the Board of Commissioners has been involved in. Topics discussed were the Madison County Facilities Advisory Committee; jail lawsuits; the need for additional office space; a request from the Justice of the Peace for a more sound proof alternate court room; the request from the County Attorney for an assistant; TSEP bridge projects; airport improvement projects; position vacancies currently being filled in the County; and the newly created Virginia City Rural Fire District.

Grants – Rural Development Forms for TRMCC Project: David Schulz gave an overview of improvement projects for both the County owned nursing homes and discussed how these projects will be funded. Jim Hart moved to approve the Notice of Pre-application Review Action from the USDA Rural Development to Madison County and the Certification for Commercial Credit and Outstanding Judgments for the Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center improvement project. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Airports – FAA Grant Offer: The Board discussed the runway extension project currently in progress at the Ennis Airport. Jim Hart moved to enter into the Grant Agreement between the Federal Aviation Administration and Madison County for Project No: 3-30-0090-011-2008, Ennis Big Sky Airport, to extend runway 16/34, including turnaround and medium runway lights (Phase II Construction) in the amount of \$405,114, whereby the FAA offers and agrees to pay 95 percent of allowable costs. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Airports – Ennis AIP Request for Reimbursement: Jim Hart moved to approve the pay request to the Federal Aviation Administration for Big Sky (Ennis) Airport Improvements Project No: 3-30-0090-010-2008, in the amount of \$194,238. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Skyline Bus Budget: David Kack, Skyline Bus, gave an overview of the usage of the Skyline Bus for FY 07 and FY 08 noting that there was a substantial increase in ridership over the last two years. David also reviewed the funding for the past two fiscal years and the projected budget for FY 2009, requesting that Madison County again contribute \$30,000 to the bus line. Other funding options were discussed. Bill Olson and Don Loyd both spoke in favor of the bus line and commended the Board for contributing to its success. Jim Hart stated that Skyline provides a wonderful service and moved to contribute \$30,000 to the operations of Skyline Bus for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. David Schulz asked that the Board be provided with a breakdown of the actual ridership numbers for clarification of the service.

Public Discussion: Bill Olson thanked the board for their help in Big Sky, stating the he appreciates their concern and response to safety issues. Bill Olson and Don Loyd discussed the possibility of getting more County information to Big Sky such as Commissioner Comments and other articles that may be of interest to residents of Big Sky. The Board will include the Lone Peak Look Out when circulating such articles. Ron Edwards, Big Sky Water and Sewer District, discussed drainage issues at the booster station off Rising Bull Road.

Fire Restrictions: The Board discussed a status report on fire conditions furnished by Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, recommending no change in fire restrictions at this time. The Board concurred with this recommendation.

Office Space: The Board further discussed the need for additional office space, describing the make-shift court room in the hallway being used by the Justice of the Peace; the request from the County Attorney for an Assistant; and the undesirable conditions of certain facilities currently being used for County office space.

Bid Openings – Rivers Edge Campground Project: David Schulz gave an overview of the Madison County Fair and camping facilities at the Fair Grounds stating that the County has received grant funding to improve the

conditions of the camping area. Having advertised for bids, the Board received one bid for the project. Marilyn Ross moved to accept the bid from Smail Construction, Inc. of Alder, Montana, consisting of three phases, Phase 1 for site preparation in the amount of \$18,520; Phase 2 for construction of roadways, camping area, parking area, picnic area, and concrete apron for vault toilets in the amount of \$3,300; and Phase 3 for installation of light poles and lights, toilets, picnic tables, hydrants, trees, and signs in the amount of \$5,295; for a total bid amount of \$27,115, with the option of allowing the County to provide one or more of the tasks and/or supplies which may reduce the total amount of the proposal. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Road District One – Advertise to Sell 4X4 Pick-up with Blade: Marilyn Ross moved to advertise to accept bids for 1992 Ford F350 Pick-up, 4 Wheel Drive, with a detachable Boss snow removal blade, that is currently owned by the District One Road Department. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Predator Control MOUs: Jim Hart moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Stockgrowers Association, Predator Control Fund, for a Cooperative Service Agreement between the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services program and the Montana Department of Livestock wherein Madison County agrees to allocate \$11,335 for the protection of cattle from destructive animals; and to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Wool Growers Association, Predator Control Fund, for a Cooperative Service Agreement between the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services program and the Montana Wool Growers Association wherein Madison County agrees to allocate \$841 for the protection of sheep from destructive animals. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Final Budget Hearing Date: Marilyn Ross moved to set the date of the Final Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget for September 9, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Planning Clerk Interviews: Charity Fechter, Planning Director, discussed interviews that were conducted for the clerk position in her office. Charity informed the Board that, following these interviews, she intends to offer the position to Leona Stredwick and, if she declines, the second choice for the position will be Kurt Bush. The Board concurred.

Public Hearing – Road Name Changes at Moonlight Basin Ranch: Chairman David Schulz opened the Public Hearing regarding road name changes in Moonlight Basin Ranch at 1:05 p.m. Charity Fechter, Planning Director explained the name changes and why they were necessary and presented maps showing the roads. Jessi Fanelli and Kevin Germain, Moonlight Basin Ranch, were present for this portion of the meeting and both spoke in favor of the name changes. Jessi stated that Gallatin County had been contacted for approval of the new names. After a reading of the resolution, Jim Hart moved to approve Resolution 30-2008, a resolution of road name change in Madison County. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: August 26, 2008

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